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NOTES

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1. SUMMARY: DAY LONG NEGOTIATIONS MAY 17 LEAD TO CON-
SENSUS BY HEADS DEL ON INTERPRETIVE NOTES SET OUT BELOW
ALONG WITH MISSION COMMENTS. MOST DELS FORMALLY
ACCEPTED INTERPRETIVE NOTES WITH FEW (US, CANADA AND
ONE OR TWO OTHERS) INDICATING THEY WOULD RECOMMEND
ACCEPTANCE TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. INTERPRETIVE NOTES AGREED TO ON CONDITIONS INDICATED
ABOVE WERE:

(A) THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL REFLECT ON THE APPROPRIATE
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FOLLOW-UP ACTION WHICH THE AGREED PARAGRAPH ON THE

FINANCING OF INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS DEFICITS MAY REQUIRE WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION AND REPORT HIS CONCLUSIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MISSION COMMENT: SEC GEN OPENED DISCUSSION ON THIS POINT BY EXPRESSING STRONG PREFERENCE FOR CHANGE SUGGESTED BY BRITISH AND, SINCE PARA REFERS TO WHAT SEC GEN WILL DO, HE APPEALED TO ALL DELS TO ACCEPT BRITISH PROPOSAL. HEADS DEL ACCEPTED WITHOUT FURTHER DISCUSSION.

(B) IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE DECLARATION IS NOT TO PRECLUDE TRADE MEASURES ON PARTICULAR PRODUCTS WHICH CAN BE JUSTIFIED UNDER EXISTING INTERNATIONAL PROVISIONS, SUCH AS ARTICLE XIX OF THE GATT, AND WHICH ARE NOT LINKED WITH THE SITUATION DESCRIBED IN THE DECLARATION. MISSION COMMENT: FOREGOING PARA RESULT OF INTENSIVE NEGOTIATION BETWEEN SECRETARIAT, US AND EC WITH VIEW TO ACHIEVING RESULT ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES. DEPT. WILL NOTE THAT CLAUSE "AND WHICH IN ITS EFFECTS WOULD NOT BE CONTRARY TO THE OBJECTIVES OF THE DECLARATION" IS DELETED AND THAT "MEASURES ON PARTICULAR PRODUCTS" HAS BEEN USED INSTEAD OF "SECTORAL ACTION". US REP EXPLAINED THAT MOTIVE FOR THESE CHANGES TO MAKE CLEAR THAT ANTI-DUMPING OR COUNTERVAILING DUTY ACTIONS WOULD BE PERMITTED. NO DEL CONTESTED THIS POINT.

(C) IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE REFERENCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN PARAGRAPH (E) COVERS DEVELOPING MEMBER COUNTRIES. MISSION COMMENT: UNDER STRONG PRESSURE FROM OTHER DELS, GREEK AND TURKISH DELS INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF FOREGOING TEXT TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS. UNDERSTANDING IS OF COURSE THAT FOREGOING PARA WOULD NOT AFFECT COMMITMENTS DEVELOPING MEMBER COUNTRIES WOULD ASSUME IN ADHERING TO DECLARATION.

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(D) WHILE THE DECLARATION IS NOT A LEGALLY BINDING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT, THE OECD GOVERNMENTS ARE EXPRESSING THEIR FIRM POLITICAL DETERMINATION TT IN CARRYING OUT THEIR POLICY THEY WILL OBSERVE THE SPIRIT OF THE DECLARATION AS WELL AS THE PARTICULAR ELEMENTS IT CONTAINS. MISSION COMMENT: PARA S PROPOSED BY US AND ACCEPTED BY ALL. IN ADDITION, GREEK DEL, IN AGREEING TO IT, WAS ABLE TO WITHDRAW HIS PROPOSED NEW PARA (PARA 7 REF A).

3. RE INTERPRETIVE NOTE ON EXPORT CONTROLS, UNDERSTANDING WAS REACHED WHEREBY AUSTRALIAN DEL WITHDREW HIS PARA (PARA 6 REF A) AND PARA ALONG FOLLOWING LINES WILL BE INCORPORATED IN CONCLUSIONS OF SEVENTH XCSS BUT NOT IN INTERPRETIVE NOTE: "WORK ON EXPORT RESTRICTIONS IS AT PRESENT PROCEEDING IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE TRADE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMITTEE; THIS WORK SHOULD BE GIVEN HIGHER PRIORITY UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE TRADE COMMITTEE INVITED TO REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

4. NO SUGGESTIONS WERE MADE TO AMEND TEXT OF DECLARATION. MISSION THEREFORE DID NOT RAISE POINT SUGGESTED REF B.

5. MISSION STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT WE BE GIVEN AUTHORITY TO APPROVE COMPROMISE SOLUTION SET OUT ABOVE. TO INTRODUCE AMENDMENTS AT THIS STAGE IN ABOVE TEXT

WOULD ENCOURAGE REOPENING OF MANY ISSUES OH WHICH
REASONABLY SOLID AGREEMENT NOW SEEMS TO EXIST.
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